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TAGS: CVIS, SHUM, SREF

SUBJECT: IRAQI ASSYRIAN CHRISTIANS

REF: A) BAGHDAD 202; B) BAGHDAD 216; C) ATHENS 969

1. RE REF C. INS NEW YORK HAS ALSO TOLD IBERIAN AIRLINES
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